

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1593 - HB 1663

January 31, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Reduces the early voting period for stand-alone municipal elections in cities with 750 or less registered voters.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Expenditures - \$1,600

Assumptions:

- This bill is only applicable to local government. No fiscal impact to state government.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-6-102, the current early voting period for elections occurs from the twentieth day to the fifth day prior to an election.
- According to the Secretary of State, decreasing the number of early voting days for stand-alone municipal elections in cities with 750 or less voters will affect eight municipalities: Milledgeville, Sneedville, Luttrell, Henning, Michie, Berry Hill, Alexandria, and Yorkville.
- Decreasing the number of early voting days in municipalities with 750 or less voters will lead to fewer days that county election commissions staff will be required to open polling stations; therefore each affected county where these municipalities are located will experience a decrease in local expenditures for each applicable election cycle.
- Based on information from the Secretary of State, each county election commission will realize the follow savings per election cycle for each of the respective counties' election cycles when a stand-alone municipal election occurs: \$1,800 in McNairy County (\$900 from Milledgeville, \$900 from Michie), \$800 in Hancock County (Sneedville), \$960 in Union County (Luttrell), \$830 in Lauderdale County (Henning), \$1,615 in Davidson County (Berry Hill), \$140 in DeKalb County (Alexandria), and \$250 in Gibson County (Yorkville); for total savings of \$6,395 that will occur across every four-year election cycle.
- The annualized recurring decrease in local expenditures is estimated to average \$1,598.75 (\$6,395 / 4-year cycle) each year.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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